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**Product identification system**

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A product identification system includes a bar-code scanner (10) having a memory and comparison means. Information is entered in the memory concerning the allergen contents of a range of food or the contents of a medication. This information is interrelated to the bar-code data on the container or packaging of foodstuffs or medication. The scanner (10) is also provided with information taken from a card (12) concerning the sensitivities of a user so that, when the scanner (10) is directed at the code of an item of food or medication, the comparison means is operated to provide a signal if it is allergic to that item of food or medication.

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